

**EVERETT REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
NOMINATION FORM**

**A) Identification**

Property Name: 2902 Rucker  
Historic: J.O. Fisher Motor Bldg.  
Common: H.W. Wood Motor / Walsh Platt Motors / Dwyane Lane  
Year Built: 1928 - 1930

**B) Location**

Street Address: 2902 Rucker Avenue (2902-10 Rucker Ave)  
Tax Parcel Number: 00439168003300  
Plat Name: Everett Block: 680 Lot: 33-38

**C) Classification**

Building X District X Downtown Historic Site  
Hewitt Ave. Nat'l Historic District

**D) Owner of Property**

Present Owner: DMT Rucker, LLC Present Use: Retail / Auto Parking  
Address: c/o Skold Family Trust\_3425 BROADWAY STE 200, EVERETT, WA 98201  
Original Owner: A.H.B. Jordan (Alvah Henry Bedell Jordan)  
Original Use: Car Dealership  
Architect: Morrison & Stimson (Earl Wilson Morrison & Vas Salisbury Stimson)  
Builder: C.W. Kelley

## E) Property Description

*Describe the nominated property and the features that create the historical appearance, such as setting, design, style, special details, craftsmanship and interior finishing. If possible, describe any changes that have occurred over time and how these changes have affected the historical character of the building.*

The 2902 Rucker Building was built in 1928 and later an addition in 1930 for \$40,000 for A.H.B. Jordan. It was leased to J.O. Fisher for a Dodge dealership. For decades it was an automobile dealership, including Walsh Platt Motors and Dwyane Lane. Later it was used as antique mall and most recently in the early 2000's as a Gold's Gym / Peak Fitness athletic club.

At the time this building was constructed, there were several Mission Revival buildings like this in Everett, such as the Elks Building, the courthouse, and the milk plant on Broadway and 25th. The Mission Revival style was an architectural movement that began in the late 19th century for a colonial style's revivalism and reinterpretation, which drew inspiration from the late 18th and early 19th century Spanish missions in California.

The 2902 Rucker building was designed by Earl Wilson Morrison & Vas Salisbury Stimson of *Morrison & Stimson*. This architectural firm was known for design other prominent projects and now historic buildings throughout the Northwest:

This two-story structure has 16,800 square feet per floor, totaling 32,600 square feet of total floor area, not including the mechanical mezzanine of 1,000 SF. The current owner (DMT Rucker, LLC) acquired the building in August 2019 from its previous owner who had substantially remodeled the 1<sup>st</sup> floor to operate a fitness center (dba Golds Gym / Peak Fitness) utilized the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor as classic car parking and gym equipment storage.

The level of construction is classified as "V-B" (Type Five B with Sprinklers), with concrete, heavy timber, wood, and steel frame construction. The building has interior "heavy timber" posts, concrete columns, wood columns and beams, and a "flat"-type wooden-construction roof-ceiling assembly. The roofing system is comprised of a Thermoplastic Polyolefin (TPO) type roof membrane system placed over wood sheathing supported by a wooden structural roof system.

Since the acquisition ownership has renovated and re-tenanted both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors along with a fully engineered, voluntary seismic retrofit of the entire building. In addition, a complete overall of mechanical systems including HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and fire / life safety systems were upgraded or replaced throughout the renovation process. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor parking component and adjoining ramp to the alley has remained and reinforced with structural steel column support, new wood sub-framing and a traffic coating. Other highlights of the project include:



- A new office entry lobby with elevator access and exit stairs to serve the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor office use has been incorporated into the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.
- A rooftop deck has been added and is being served by exit stairs and elevator access located in a new penthouse structure at the existing roof level.
- The entire north 2<sup>nd</sup> floor roof system which was substantially damaged by a prior fire was removed and replaced as part of the renovation.

The aesthetic design of the 2902 Rucker Building renovation relies on the architectural history of the existing structure for cues including:

1. Contrasting dark base color with lighter upper story.
2. Repeat of curved parapet element for new stair / elevator penthouse.
3. New 2<sup>nd</sup> floor windows to be installed which replicate design elements of original windows
4. Opportunity to add a monument sign at Rucker/ Hewitt corner.
5. Cement plaster finishes at recessed entry & penthouse façade
6. New TPO roofing and salvage of sheet metal parapet coping

#### F) Statement of Significance

The original owner, Alvah Henry Bedell Jordan (A.H.B. Jordan), was born in Boston, MA in 1866, earning a degree in forestry from Yale and joined a cousin managing a paper mill in upstate New York. In 1896, he moved to Everett to manage John D. Rockefeller's Everett Pulp and Paper Company. The company, which Jordan eventually purchased, was one of the largest manufacturers of book and tablet paper on the Pacific Coast. He built a palatial home at the corner of Washington and Second Streets and lived there until his death.

Although he lived alone, except for a housekeeper and cook, he was a giant in the business, civic and political affairs of the North Puget Sound area. In addition to his success in business, Jordan was also known for his philanthropic support of many charities in both Everett and Nokomis, FL. In 1942, Jordan passed away leaving most of his estate to Children's Orthopedic Hospital (Children's Hospital) in the form of a 20-year residuary trust – the largest bequest received since the hospital's inception. By 1951, the estate is worth \$4 million, and through the 1970s it pays the hospital more than \$150,000 a year.

Jordan did not begin wintering in Nokomis until 1930 (218 Pocono Trl E, Nokomis, FL 34275). Located on the south side of Pocono Trail, Jordan's house was constructed of stucco over hollow clay tile and was built at a time when Nokomis was a bustling community and Venice was still on the drawing boards. He continued to develop his winter home, enhancing the property's landscape as well as adding a one-story guest house. He sold the property to Chester Drake in April 1940. Jordan House was placed on Sarasota County's historic register in 2003.

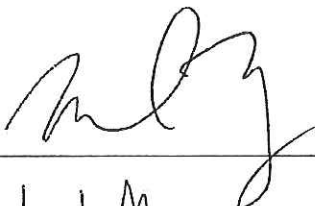
[CHRIS WILLE: History on the market - News - Sarasota Herald-Tribune - Sarasota, FL \(heraldtribune.com\)](#)

G) Documentation and Photos

*Provide information that illustrates and supports the property's history and significance, including items such as newspaper articles, historic photos, oral history, maps and directory entries. Also, include close-up photos of particularly important details. If there have been recent renovations, please provide "before" and "after" photographs.*

See attached Exhibit for item G.

Nomination submitted by:



Date:

8/11/2021

Michael Morgan

MVM Investments LLC

Owners Representative / Construction Manager



Mobil Oil promotion in front of J. O. Fisher Motor Company  
December 4, 1933



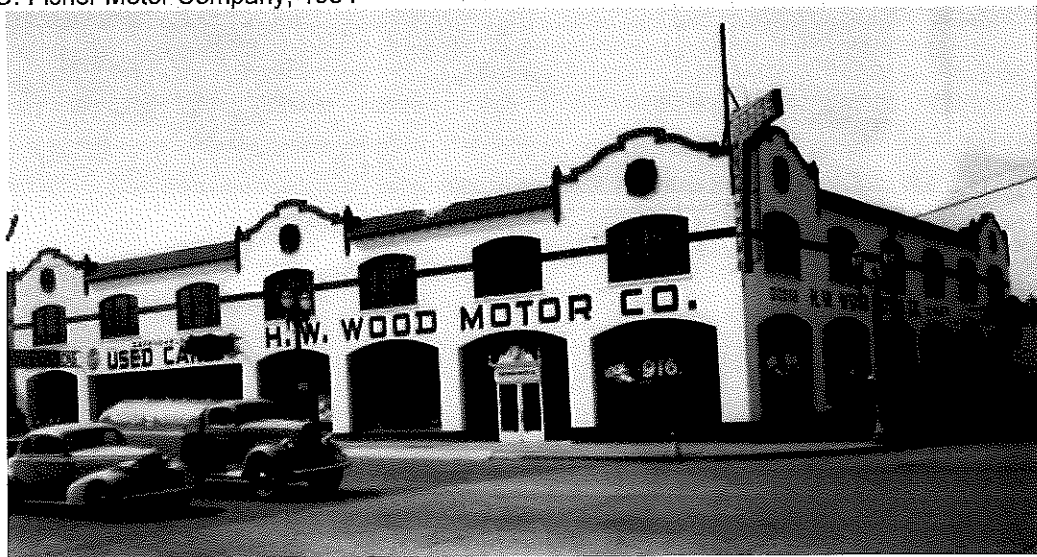


J.O. Fisher Motor Company, 1934



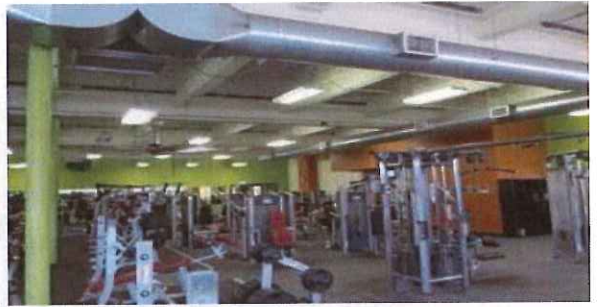


J.O. Fisher Motor Company, 1934









H. W. Wood Motor Company in Everett, Washington, 1940



An ashtray for Walsh-Platt Motors. This Mission Revival building was along old highway 99. In the alley was a drive-up ramp to the second story, where cars were repaired. That ramp still exists.